

Remarks

General

Claim 51 has been collapsed into claim 41. The withdrawn claims have been cancelled.

Also, text has been added to the specification. The added text is not new matter as it is supported in the originally filed application. See originally filed claims 5, 7, and 52 which form part of the originally filed application.

Objections to Specification

The specification has been amended to provide support for the claimed subject matter. In particular, the subject matter of claims 5, 7 and 52 has been added to the application as indicated by the above amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant expresses his gratitude to the examiner for the indication that claims 1,3-7, 27-33, and 36 are allowed. Also, that claims 42-48, 51-54, 57, and 67-69 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

35 U.S.C. §102

According to the Office Action, claims 41, 55, 56, and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bales et al . (Re 33,925). The Office Action directs Applicant's attention to figure 3 of Bales.

Applicants have amended claim 41 to include the claim limitation of claim 51. The Office Action has indicated that claim 51 is allowable. Applicants thus believe amended claim 41 is now allowable since it includes all the claim limitations of claim 51. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Since the other claims rejected under Section 102 depend from claim 41, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of these claims are requested.

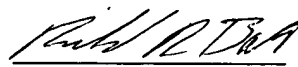
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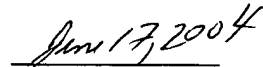
The Office Action rejected claims 62-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). However, as indicated above, Applicant has amended the application by incorporating the subject matter of allowable claim 51 into the independent claim 41. Claims 62-65 depend from independent claim 41 and thus are believed to be allowable as well. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore requested.

SUMMARY

Applicant believes all outstanding issues raised in the previous Office Action are addressed herein and that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

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